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For: AN ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PREPARATION METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 35-51, without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute the following claims.

~~52.~~ A method for the selection and preparation of an effective antisense oligonucleotide for a nucleic acid comprising the steps of

- designing an antisense oligonucleotide corresponding to a target nucleic acid sequence based on criteria such that

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- a) the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least 8 nucleic acid residues,
  - b) the antisense oligonucleotide comprises a maximum of twelve elements, the twelve elements being capable of forming three hydrogen bonds each to cytosine bases,